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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Serial No.09/888,233 Entitled: "ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED

NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS" by Randy D.

Blakely et al.

Our Ref. No.: VBLT:007US

Commissioner:

Please find enclosed:

- 1. An Issue Fee Transmittal form;
- 2. Response to Notice of Drawing Requirements Dated January 30, 2004 and Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(B)(1)(I)(II) and (Figures 1-6 on 8 sheets); and
- 3. A check for \$1,125.00 as the fee for the small entity issue fee, publication fee; 10 copies of issued patent and fee for petition to file color photographs; and
- 4. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Randy D. Blakely et al.

Batch No.:

Serial No.: 09/888,233

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED

NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND

VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS

Notice of Allowance

Highlander

Date: January 30, 2004

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Peter Paras, Jr.

Atty. Dkt. No.: VBTL:007US/SLH

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING REQUIREMENTS DATED JANUARY 30, 2004 AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(B)(1)(I)(II)

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Attention: Official Draftsman

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1)(i)(ii), Applicants petition to request that the photographs submitted herewith be accepted for Figure 1-6 (in triplicate), in response to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated January 30, 2004 and the Notice of

Allowability mailed January 30, 2004. 05/06/2004 FMETEKI2 00000001 09888233

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It is submitted that the above petition and fee now place the present application in complete compliance with the requirements stated on Form PTO-948.

Respectfully submitted,

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